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**Gian-Karlo Alvarez, HR Business Partner at the University of Central Florida, selected for the 2023-24 CUPA-HR Ignite Program Cohort**

Gian-Karlo Alvarez, HR business partner at the University of Central Florida has been selected to participate in the [2023-24 CUPA-HR Ignite program](#), a 12-month leadership development experience designed for early-career higher education human resources professionals. Program participants will have the opportunity to develop their professional skills through tailored learning experiences including mentorship, learning events and courses, and the completion of a project showcasing the insights they gain throughout the year.

Participants were selected based on their HR strengths and areas for development identified on the program application as well as their interest in and commitment to the program.

“We are very excited to welcome our 10th cohort for this program,” shares CUPA-HR President and Chief Executive Officer Andy Brantley. “I am so proud that CUPA-HR has been able to support this outstanding leadership development opportunity for early-career professionals for a decade. The program has also provided a great opportunity for our higher ed HR leaders to give back and help prepare the next generation of higher ed leaders. We look forward to the year ahead and the opportunity to continue this program for many years to come.”

CUPA-HR’s Ignite program (formerly known as Wildfire) is led by outstanding current and past CUPA-HR leaders and national office staff and made possible in part thanks to support from HigherEdJobs.

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